

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2180 - HB 2450

January 13, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes home school students to participate in interscholastic athletics at the public school where the home school student is zoned. Requires that the student be enrolled in a home school; be registered as a home school student with the director of schools by August 1 in the year the student wishes to participate; meet identical academic and conduct standards as other participants, including those adopted by a regulatory athletic organization or association; and register with the school his or her intent to participate prior to August 1 of the school year. Requires students who withdrew from a public or private school for the purpose of enrolling in a home-school and who were ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at the time of withdrawal, to remain ineligible for one grading period and to reestablish eligibility. Local education agencies (LEAs) who provide student insurance for extra curricular athletics shall extend coverage to participating home school students. Any additional insurance premium shall be paid by the home school student. LEAs are prohibited from charging a participation fee for a home school student if a participation fee is not charged to a regular public school student. Prohibits regulatory athletic organizations or associations from charging home school students full tuition to participate in interscholastic athletics at a non-public school. Home school students shall be eligible to participate beginning in the 2012-13 school year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Eligible home school students will not be guaranteed a place on any interscholastic athletic team.
- Home school students will pay the same participation fees required of regular public school students.
- No change in the BEP funding formula. Any increase in state expenditures will be not significant.
- LEAs may incur a nominal increase in expenditures for uniforms or equipment.
- Because home school students will pay additional insurance premium costs, any increase in local government expenditures to expand insurance coverage will be not significant.

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- Home school students will join such athletic teams. Any increase in local expenditures for additional teacher supplements for these extracurricular activities will be not significant since the overall number of students on the team will not change.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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